

# COLUMBIA COUNTY TRASH TALK

Georgia's 1990 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act established a time table of improvements to the way both public and private service providers monitor, report and manage solid waste. That same year due to cost associated with these improvements Columbia County transferred landfill operations funding from its General Fund, supported by property tax revenue and used since assuming responsibility for operating a landfill from private service providers in 1975 to an Enterprise Fund supported by landfill user fees (tip fee). Every landfill budget since fiscal year (FY) 1990-91 has been funded by landfill user fees. A breakdown of our current budget is included in this notice for your information along with FY 1998-99's Full Cost Report, Operating and Waste Disposal / Recovery Report FY 1992-99. A record of improvements to Baker Place Road Landfill is included in this notice.

A computer aided scale system was added in August 1992 to monitor waste volume by weight at Baker Place Road Landfill, in that same year our first solid waste survey and full cost report was sent to Department of Community Affairs. By 1993 twenty eight (28) ground water and thirty (30) gas wells were placed along perimeter of landfill for monitoring environmental impact. The Board of Commissioners appointed an eight member Solid Waste Management Authority in 1994 to secure funding and provide construction oversight for a lined landfill expansion at its' Baker Place Road facility. Approximately \$7m in Revenue Bonds, secured by landfill user fees, were sold to finance construction, which started in January 1995. A resident drop-off area for solid waste and recyclables was completed in 1995. The county applied to and received from Georgia's Environmental Protection Division a modification to its Operating Permit to accept solid waste as a Regional Landfill. This was done to ensure sufficient waste volume for Bond retirement by landfill user fees. A sixteen acre Regional Landfill was fully operational February 1996.

While Columbia County has committed to solid waste disposal service through 2005, more than 20 permitted private service providers continue to meet our collection, transportation, residential curb-side and commercial source-separated recycling needs. In addition to recycling services provided by private companies and not for profit drop-off centers, Baker Place Road Landfill has developed 26 recovery codes out of 43 total material codes to classify waste streams for processing. There are many innovative ways to reduce our local waste stream; most involve your cooperation and effort. If you are interested in information about what you can do to help please contact Lillian Blanos with Metro Augusta Clean & Beautiful @ 821-1790 or Don Bartles with Baker Place Road Landfill @ 868-3367.

If you have any questions or need additional information about this notice, or would like to visit Baker Place Road Landfill please contact Don Bartles, phone# (706) 868-3367, fax# (706) 868-3366, or mail at P.O. Box 890, Grovetown, GA 30813. The landfill is open Monday thru Friday 6:00am to 4:00pm & Saturday 8:00am to 3:00pm.

**Going into the Future so you can always go back to Nature.....**

REPORT OF BAKER PLACE ROAD LANDFILL FULL  
COST FOR FY1999

TYPES OF SERVICE	OPERATING REVENUE	FULL COST
DISPOSAL	\$3,198,591	\$3,198,591
RECYCLING	\$226,577	\$226,577
PUBLIC EDUCATION	\$20,000	\$20,000
COLLECTION	0	0
TOTAL	\$3,425,168	\$3,425,168

REPORT OF BAKER PLACE ROAD LANDFILL OPERATION FY 1992 TO 1999

FISCAL YEAR(FY) ENDING JUNE 30 <sup>TH</sup>	ESTIMATED CITY-COUNTY POPULATION	TOTAL WASTE TONS PROCESSED	TONS PER PERSON	TOTAL LANDFILL COST	LANDFILL COST PER PERSON	LANDFILL COST PER TON PROCESSED	COMMERCIAL TIP FEE PER TON	RESIDENT HAULED WASTE FEE
1999	93,505	143,918	1.54	\$3,425,168	\$36.63	\$23.80	\$32.50	\$2/-6 \$5/+6
1998	91,118	126,344	1.39	\$2,297,044	\$25.21	\$18.18	\$32.50	\$2/-6 \$5/+6
1997	88,731	119,761	1.35	\$2,219,422	\$25.01	\$18.53	\$32.50	\$2/-6 \$5/+6
1996	86,075	98,995	1.15	\$2,199,253	\$25.55	\$22.22	\$32.50	\$2/-6 \$5/+6
1995	83,924	90,213	1.07	\$2,350,775	\$28.01	\$26.06	\$30.50	\$2/-6 \$5/+6
1994	80,037	80,749	1.01	\$2,304,691	\$28.80	\$28.54	\$28.50	\$2/-6 \$5/+6
1993	76,617	71,280	0.93	\$1,522,278	\$19.87	\$21.36	\$22.50	\$2/-6 \$5/+6
1992	72,667	110,695	1.52	\$789,215	\$10.87	\$7.13	\$3.50/CUBIC YD.	\$2.00/TRIP

\*SCALES WERE NOT AVAILABLE ASSUMING A 700LB / YD. 3 WEIGHT FOR GARBAGE HAULED IN COMMERCIAL TRUCK THE EQUIVALENT TIP FEE PER TON WOULD BE \$10.00 PER TON

REPORT OF BAKER PLACE ROAD LANDFILL WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECOVERY FY1992-1999

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 <sup>TH</sup>	TOTAL WASTE TONS BURIED	TOTAL WASTE TONS RECOVERED	TOTAL WASTE TONS PROCESSED	PERCENT BY WEIGHT BURIED	PERCENT BY WEIGHT RECOVERED
1999	108,398	35,520	143,918	75	25
1998	72,808	53,536	126,344	58	42
1997	62,609	57,152	119,761	52	48
1996	61,871	37,124	98,995	62	38
1995	72,065	18,148	90,213	80	20
1994	80,749	0	80,749	100	0
1993	71,280	0	71,280	100	0
1992	110,695	0	110,695	100	0